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WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE OFFICE AND NORMAL PACIFIC BASIN TRIP DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL - PREADVANCE TEAM

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PREADVANCE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT CREW MEMBERS, WHO HAVE NOT VISITED PEKING BEFORE MAY FIND THE FOLLOWING OF SOME USE IN PLANNING THEIR VISIT.

CURRENCY:

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU BRING ALONG ENOUGH CURRENCY OR TRAVELLERS CHECKS TO COVER EXPECTED NEEDS. THESE MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR YUAN AT THE MINZU HOTEL, WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING, AT TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE VISIT, AND AT THE FRIENDSHIP STORE AND PEKING HOTEL BANK OR CHINA BRANCHES. RETAIN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION RECEIPTS; THESE ARE REQUIRED FOR CHANGING YUAN BACK INTO FOREIGN CURRENCY. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO TAKE CHINESE CURRENCY OUT OF THE COUNTRY. USLO HAS NO FACILITIES FOR CONVERTING YUAN BACK TO U.S. CURRENCY. PERSONAL CHECKS MAY BE CASHED FOR YUAN AT THE LISISON OFFICE BY U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AFTER PROPER IDENTIFICATION. THE LIMIT IS \$200.00 PER PERSON PER DAY.

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SHOPPING:

THE FRIENDSHIP STORE HAS A NEARLY COMPLETE RANGE OF LOCAL GOODS, CHINESE EXPORT PRODUCTS AND HANDICRAFT ITEMS.

PACKAGES:

USLO HAS NEITHER A PACKAGE WRAPPING SERVICE NOR FPO FACILITIES. LOCAL PACKING AND SHIPPING COSTS ARE HIGH AND CANNOT BE ESTIMATED IN ADVANCE. PLEASE PLAN TO TAKE ALL PURCHASES WITH YOU.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN PEKING:

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS PRESENT NO PROBLEM, BUT YOU SHOULD NOT PHOTOGRAPH THE AIRPORT, BRIDGES, OBVIOUS MILITARY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT, WALL POSTERS, SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN. ASK PERMISSION BEFORE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS ARE THE OBVIOUS PRIMARY SUBJECT. TAKING SUCH PICTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION IS CONSIDERED DISCOURTEOUS AND HAS BEEN KNOWN TO LEAD TO EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS.

LAUNDRY/DRY CLEANING:

THE MINZU HOTEL PROVIDES LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING SERVICES. ONE DAY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED.

SUNDRIES:

THERE WILL BE TOILETRIES IN THE HOTEL ROOMS, ALSO PROBABLY CIGARETTES AND CANDY--ALL OF CHINESE MANUFACTURE. CHINESE SOFT DRINKS, BEER, ETC., WILL ALSO BE READILY AVAILABLE. AMERICAN OR THIRD COUNTRY ITEMS OF THIS KIND THAT THE PREADVANCE AND ADVANCE PARTIES MIGHT WANT FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE HOTEL SHOULD BE BROUGHT ALONG FROM THE U.S. OR JAPAN.
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